



**1096th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
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Room 370, Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California



**Ephraim Brasher's Doubloons and
regulated coinage**
David McCarthy

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Please join us Wednesday August 22, 2007 to hear *David McCarthy*, a professional numismatist share some recently discovered information about the usage of Ephraim Brasher's famous 1787 doubloons.

1095th meeting. July 25, 2007 Coinage of the English Civil War *Elliot Wehner* (reviewed by *Herb Miles*)

Elliot's talk was on Charles I, a Stuart who reigned from 1625 to 1649. Charles' reign was characterized by his efforts to impose the "divine right of kings" upon England and the Parliament.

During his time on the throne, England suffered through his various wartime adventures, his calling Parliament to order to raise funds for an army and then disbanding Parliament because his authority to raise money was circumscribed again and again. To get funds in order to raise armies, he exercised his right to tax under the "Tonnage and Poundage" act in 1628, but Parliament limited his authority to 1 year whereas in other eras, this right had been granted for life. Charles also charged inland towns a "ship money tax," something usually done only in time of war and only for coastal towns.

There are several distinct coinage issues of Charles I, the pre-war pieces, such as the Unite or 20 Shillings and half-Unite or 10 Shillings, the half-groat and penny pieces. Legends on the coins range from "Charles, By the Grace of God, King of Britain, France, & Ireland" to "I Reign under the Auspices of Christ" to "Justice Strengthens the Throne." Even Parliament struck coins during this tumultuous era after seizing the Tower Mint in 1642 during one of Charles' many battles against them.

Charles kept England was under constant war, either a Civil War against English nobles or the Parliament, or against the Scots, or adventures in Europe where he tried to war with Spain. Consequently, there is a Civil War coinage of 1642-1649, and siege pieces issued in 1644. Finally, defeated by the Scots in about 1646, he was given over to Parliament, a trial was held despite the reluctance of Parliament to defy the so-called "divine right of kings" and Charles I was executed in 1649 ushering in the Cromwell era. In 1660, 11 years after the death of Charles I, Charles II, son of the executed king was "restored"

to the throne by Parliament, "The Restoration," and kings and queens have ruled without interruption to the present day.

A very nice talk; now Elliot is off to college, Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland and we wish him well!

July 2007 SHOW & TELL

Herb Miles had 2 Flea Market \$1 paper chits from the old Alameda Drive In Movie market, and a holed San Francisco Waiters and Dairy Lunch token.

Gordon Donnell brought his large Lucky Penny, a souvenir from the 1915 San Diego California Pacific Exposition, a sister exposition to the San Francisco PPIE.

Whalen exhibited an "Eastside Beer" token from the aforementioned PPIE, and also brought a "clipped" half crown of Charles I, 1641-1643 (subject of Eliot's presentation this night).

Mark W. Clark brought a Market Street Railway Scrip Certificate and a World War I U.S. savings certificate.

Jerry Schimmel exhibited a raft of 19th century San Francisco advertising tokens, many of which are quite scarce and most using the Liberty image of 5 and 10 dollar gold pieces as a part of their design which allowed some to be used as gambling chips.

Elliot naturally showed off his Charles I pieces which illustrated his talk.

Lew Robinson passed around a 1999 Triple "D" cent (hard to see with these old eyes even with a glass) and some BEP intaglio souvenir cards.

Ken proudly displayed some recent acquisitions related to Jamestown, a \$5 gold & \$1 silver, some 1907 stamps, some more current stamps, and his prize recent acquisition of 6 more GGIE First Day Covers!

Unfortunately, guest and this month's speaker *David McCarthy*, had to leave before showing his 1889 5 gram gold piece from the El Parmo Mining Camp in El Parmo, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina!!

Future presentations:

October 2007: Steve Huston: TBA

Please contact Michael Wehner at mf_wehner@yahoo.com or 415 928 4469 if you would like to make a presentation

Important announcement!

The new starting time for the regular portion of the meeting will be 7:30PM. This is thirty minutes earlier than we have had in the past. Under the new procedures, the board meeting will end at precisely 7:30 and the regular meeting will begin. The intent of this change is to let members, especially those with long drives, get home a bit earlier.

Also, be sure to check the board on the ground floor near the elevator in Building C. The announced room is subject to change by Fort Mason management.

July 2007 Raffle

Our Raffle raised \$47.00 and featured the following items.

- 1) An ANA T-Shirt which went home with Elliot Wehner
- 2) A silver Austrian 50 Shillings to Ed Treuting.
- 3) An Edward III Coronation Medal to Whalen, who loves British!
- 4) A medalette from World War I for Liberty Bonds to Professor Jerry Schimmel
- 5) And a 1979 S Proof Set, not variety II by the way, but won by Ed again!